

Growing Jobs & Opportunities:

M-84 Marine Highway

June 24, 2025

Mountain Timber Market, Kalama, WA

Registration: 8 – 8:30 a.m.

Workshop: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

8 a.m. – Registration & Coffee

8:30 a.m. – Welcome & Introductions

- Benton, Clarkston, Columbia, Kalama, Lewiston, Longview, Pasco, Walla Walla, Whitman

8:50 a.m. – Shipped on the Mississippi

Value of Our River Systems, Products and Partnerships

- Michelle Hennings, Executive Director, Washington Association of Wheat Growers

9:15 a.m. – Federal & State Updates

- Neil Maunu, Executive Director, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association
- Eric ffitch, Executive Director, Washington Public Ports Association

9:45 a.m. – Portland Container Update

Moderated by Diahann Howard, Port of Benton

- Fred Myer, Terminal Manager, Port of Portland

10:30 a.m. – Break

10:45 a.m. – Where Does Our Garbage Go?

- Aaron Donley, Western Regional Municipal and Accounts Manager, Waste Connections

11:30 a.m. – Networking Lunch

12:45 p.m. – Industry Update Panel – Marine Fleet

Moderated by Pat Reay, Port of Walla Walla

- Greg Zavanich, Senior Manager, Business Development & Accounts, Tidewater
- Sheri Call, President & CEO, Washington Trucking Association

1:30 p.m. – Future of Marine Highways

Maritime Green Gateway

- Stephanie Bowman, Maritime Industry Director, State of Washington

2:00 p.m. – Industry Update

Riverboat Tourism

- Kristin Meira, Director of Government Affairs, American Cruise Lines

2:30 p.m. – We Work the Waterways

- Inland Rivers, Ports & Terminal
 - Aimee Andres, Executive Director, Inland Rivers, Ports and Terminals
- MARAD & Inland River Ports Terminals Workforce
 - Travis Black, Director, Inland Waterways Gateway Office, Maritime Administration (MARAD)

3:15 p.m. – Industry Input & Next Steps

Facilitated by Abbi Russell, Maul Foster Alongi

3:45 p.m. – Closing Remarks
